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PRELIMINARY SCAN BY NPIC OF MISSION GIANT SCALE GS 040 OF 26 JUL REVEALS THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS WHICH SUPPLEMENTS AND REFINES INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFERENCES A THROUGH C. THE MISSION MAKES THREE PASSES OVER NORTH VIETNAM COVERING APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY WITH 85 PERCENT CLOUD-FREE PHOTOGRAPHY OF GENERALLY GOOD INTERPRETABILITY. THE URBAN AREAS OF HANOI, HAIPHONG, THAI NGUYEN, AND VINH, AND SEVEN MAJOR AIRFIELDS ARE COVERED. A TOTAL OF 28 FISHBED AND 1 POSSIBLE FISHBED, THE LARGEST NUMBER NOTED IN NORTH VIETNAM TO DATE, ARE OBSERVED AT PHUC YEN (24) AND KEP (4 AND 1 POSSIBLE). A TOTAL OF 123 SA-2 SAM SITES ARE OBSERVED WITH 92 OCCUPIED, 92 UNOCCUPIED, AND EIGHT IDENTIFICATION ONLY. THE TWELFTH SIGHTING OF AN A-TYPE FAN SONG RADAR IS MADE AT HANOI SAM SITE B04-2 (NO 5). HANOI SAM SITE A10-2 (NO 14) IS APPARENTLY REACTING TO THE MISSION AIRCRAFT AS EVIDENCED BY SMOKE AT THE SITE. AN A-TYPE FAN SONG RADAR WAS PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED AT THIS LOCATION, HOWEVER SCALE PRECLUDES THE IDENTIFICATION OF RADAR TYPE. THE PAUL DOUMER BRIDGE IS SERVICEABLE TO BOTH VEHICULAR AND RAIL TRAFFIC. EXTENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED IN THE VINH YEN MILITARY COMPLEX AND AT TONG AIRFIELD. SCAN OF MISSION IS CONTINUING.

1. PHUC YEN AIRFIELD 211313N 1054833E
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES [REDACTED]
AOB: 2 BEAGLE, 24 FISHBED (2 AT OLD PHUC YEN AIRFIELD, 1 OF WHICH IS WITHOUT A LEFT WING), 4 DAMAGED/DESTROYED FAGOT/FRESCO, 2 DESTROYED AIRCRAFT, AND 1 BEAGLE WING.

2. KEP AIRFIELD 212410N 1061645E
CONSTRUCTION APPEARS TO BE CONTINUING ON THE NEW PROBABLE RUNWAY AND NEW OVERRUN AT THE SW END OF THE RUNWAY. HEAVY ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED IN OPERATION.
AOB: 4 FISHBED, 1 POSSIBLE FISHBED, AND 8 FAGOT/FRESCO (5 DAMAGED).

3. HANOI SAM SITE B04-2 (5) 21114N 1055902E
SITE CONSISTS OF SIX REVETTED LAUNCH POSITIONS, FIVE WITH MISSILES ON LAUNCHERS AND ONE WITH LAUNCHER ONLY. THE REVETTED GUIDANCE AREA CONTAINS AN A-TYPE FAN SONG RADAR AND SIX ASSOCIATED VANS.

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